



Location: Virtual



Date: February 10, 2022



Time: 0930 – 1000 hours

Convoy Protest - CCG Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jason Reynar, Chief Laforet, Shelby Askin Hager, James Chacko, Chris Nepszy, Phong Nguy, Carolyn Brown, Joe Mancina, Jason Moore, Chief Mizuno, Deputy Bellaire, Ryan Lemay, Tyson Cragg, Chris Grant, Drew Dilkens, Emily Bertram, Susanne Hutnik

Deputy Bellaire: Status at the Ambassador Bridge: Human assets coming in to create a stable presence at the bridge. Escalation of activity with the demonstrators on their actions and officers' actions. Strategic operations are evolving. We make ground then we lose ground. With new resources in place it will change how we resolve the matter. Traffic at the bridge is contentious. Traffic into Canada is not open. East-west on College is open for emergency vehicles. Traffic heading to the US is open but it is not suggested that anybody rely on that to go across the border as it is too fluid with the demonstrators and we cannot guarantee safe passage. Do not put anybody in a position by trying to cross right now.

Chief Laforet: Calls from David Musy at the hospital and concerns about the tunnel right now. From a city CCG, should we be ramping that up to plan for anything? Social media is causing concerns. Nobody wants to be unprepared.

Deputy Bellaire: Action will initiate a corresponding response. There is no info that they are looking at the tunnel or hospitals. Social media not reliable but must be scrutinized. We have a plan to protect the tunnel but cannot publicize our operations. In contact with WRH for emergency access. Closing down access for emergency access is a trigger for a police response. People that obstruct emergency access we take very seriously and that steps outside the silo of negotiations on opening up traffic at the border.

Chief L: Request from the hospital - if any actions are taken by Police, they would like to have a heads up to be made aware. What can I tell David?

Deputy Bellaire: We will have dialogue with the hospital. If there is deliberate action we will make notification to EMS and the hospital. If someone has something, get in touch with him. Looking beyond the resolution. This is a movement. This incident is isolated to the Ambassador Bridge but the ideology is across Canada. An arrest last night occurred due to aggressive activity. A lot of violations last night and these are colouring our steps. Everyone must appreciate what will happen if we go in strong. When the dust settles, we did what we were supposed to do for the safety of everyone in the city.



Chris: Plans are being made to ensure we have the resources, what, where and how fast you need it. Who is that contact person that is dealing with Phong or myself? Talking for barriers, and large vehicles.

Chief L: Talked to Deputy Bellaire and it was requested that you send a rep to the EOC so that they are there.

Chris: Either Phong or Roberta will be going.

Deputy Bellaire: Somebody is at the EOC 24/7. The ground we gain is at night. Karel DeGraaf and Jennifer Crosby will be making the plan. Moving heavy assets does require time.

Chief Mizuno: Actions are made to demonstrators' activity. Last minute requests are a result of that. Please send someone to the EOC 24 hours to be able to plan.

Deputy Bellaire: With the addition of human assets, we have the assets to protect the inventory, with physical resources, with trucks or whatever.

Chris: 24/7 we are used to. Not an issue and will work with Phong for those communications.

Phong: We are getting directions from multiple sources. 4000 pounds of cement. I need logistics and time lead and a staging area as this is new to me.

Deputy Bellaire: Jenifer Crosby will provide all that to you.

Phong: I will be the point of contact.

Carolyn: We have a tentative plan to protect the tunnel with the US Department of Homeland Security. Do you have any credible intelligence with the tunnel and how rapid would your response be?

Deputy Bellaire: No corroborated intelligence at this time. If the US side has credible intelligence please have that shared with us. Not a primary concern at the moment but we are not forgetting about it. We are dealing with demonstrators on multiple fronts and cannot guarantee to keep the tunnel open.

Carolyn: I will send you contact info for Homeland Security. A demonstration is being planned at Campus Martius sometime today and we will follow up on that.



Chief L: What we should do is invite David Musyj or Karen Riddell to our next meeting. Mr. CAO what direction do you think we should go? We should meet again tomorrow and set our meeting cadence objectives, run along with what the police have in mind and have an open means of communication along with the appropriate people in the meeting.

Chris: Are we at the point that we want to implement the traffic control outside of the tunnel from the entrance to the Nexus lane?

Jason R: When Phong gets to the EOC to understand what their operational response is, liaise with Carolyn. Don't want to attract attention but staging is wise.

Chief L: Do not put anything into action without police being aware of it. We do not want to create attention at the tunnel as that will strip their resources and screw things up. Emily, the police and EMS are there at the EOC. Make sure whatever we are doing, police are aware of and give us the green light on. Do we want to meet tomorrow? Developments happen overnight. Subject to police availability let's meet tomorrow. If things turn we may have to regroup again today.

Jason R: Communications and contingency planning - begin turning your minds to what to do if the bridge is forcibly opened and consider what key sites will be affected. Council is meeting at 11:30 am in camera, and there may be developments. We will update this afternoon. Tomorrow morning is a good timeframe to target now.

Chief L: Be prepared tomorrow with what your contingency plans are going to be. Prepare today. Who will be the IC for this?

Jason R: I will be IC for this event.

Tyson: There are detours and customer inquiries around the University area. If a forcible opening were to happen, there are a lot of people on campus there. It is not just trucks but pedestrian activity down there too.

Chief L: Police understand where things are located and that would be in their planning strategy.

Tyson: We are on detour around the University. If you want us to have a broader loop, let us know.

Chief L: The planning piece will develop over the next day or so. Emily to talk to the Chief offline on that.



Jason R: Should we be inviting someone from the University in on these calls for updates?

Chief L: Tomorrow we will start with the CAO Jason Reynar being Incident Command and chairing the meeting. We will assist with what police need moving forward and have our people embedded into the EOC.

Chief Laforet adjourned the meeting at 1100 hours.

Minutes taken by: Susanne Hutnik

Minutes approved by: Emily Bertram